

REMARKS

Claims 7-11 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Specifically, the Examiner rejected the claims for the phrases “a trench capacitor of a memory cell” and “isolation trench and trench bottom of the trench capacitor.” The rejection is respectfully traversed.

There is no requirement that the limitations be previously recited in the independent claim. Additionally, these features are fully supported by the specification. See, for example, Figs. 3 and 7 and the corresponding disclosure.

Claims 1-3 and 5-6 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Morris in view of Sato. The rejection is moot in view of the amendments to claim 1, incorporating allowable claim 4.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.543822004500.

However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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